

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I request the Chair to take up the Question at the end of the Question Hour ; in the meanwhile I will try to get the information.

Rat menace in Gulbarga and Bidar Districts

285. **Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE** (Gurumitkal).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be please to state.—

(a) the steps the Government has taken to stop the ratmenace at Gulbarga and Bidar Districts ;

(b) the total loss caused to crops due to rat menace at Gulbarga and Bidar Districts ;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the loss ?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(a) Available stocks of rodenticides have been moved to the area from the neighbouring Districts. Action has been taken to take up control measures in contiguous blocks of 400 to 500 acres through custom service in pockets of heavily infested area, besides issuing Rodenticides at 50 percent subsidised cost. The Agro Industries Corporation and Marketing Federation have so far stocked and distributed 902 kgs. of Zinc Phosphide and 600 Kgs. of Aluminium Phosphide. Arrangements are being made to improve the stock position of rodenticides by these Institutions in the area. Farmers have been advised on the control measures through leaflets and organising campaigns.

(b) The extent of loss varies from 25 to 35 percent on Tur, G. Nut, Paddy and Jowar. The damage is by way of eating away the seed sown.

(c) Government have sanctioned a scheme for control of rodents through custom service in pockets of heavily infested area and also to supply 50 percent subsidised sale of Rodenticides to cultivators. Cultivators are being advised to take up collective integrated control measures.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE.—May I know whether the Government has received any scheme from the Deputy Commissioners of Gulbarga and Bidar to control this rat menace in Bidar and Gulbarga districts ?

† **Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA.**—I do not have that information.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE.—May I know what steps the Government have taken to control rat menace in Gulbarga and Bidar Districts ?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDE.—Details have been furnished in answer to (a). Apart from the individual farmers taking up control measures by applying Zinc Phosphide and Alluminium Phosphide, Government have sanctioned a scheme of Rs. 5 lakhs to take up these control measures in a block ranging from 500 to 600 acres, and we are going to implement that scheme.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE.—Is it a fact that the Government has entrusted this work to a private firm in Bangalore?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—The Director of Agricultural has taken some measures. I have no information at the moment. I want notice.

Sri BAPU GOWDA.—Due to rat menance, khariff germination has been destroyed in many places. Will the Government make a survey about this?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—It is not completely destroyed. The departmental people were sent there to assess the damage caused by rodents on Tur, G. Nut and in some parts on Paddy. This loss in certain pockets is 20 to 25 per cent.

Sri RAJA PID NAIK.—Will the Government consider giving any aid to the agriculturists whose crops have been destroyed by the rat menance?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—Rodenticides are being issued at 50 per cent subsidised cost; Added to this, the Government has taken up a scheme by sanctioning Rs. 5 lakhs for control of rodents in the most affected taluks of Chitapur and Chincholi in Gulbarga district and Basavakalyan and Bhalki in Bidar district on a communitywise basis.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Due to rat menance Tur, Paddy and Jawar have been destroyed. Luckily the groundnut crop is safe. Will the Government take any protective measure to protect the groundnut crops in Gulbarga and Bidar districts?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—Thinking that this menace might cause more damage to the crops, we have taken up this large scale measure of controlling the menace by killing the rate by the poisonous gas.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ ಬೀದರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲಿಗಳ ಕಾಟ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಇಲಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿಯುವ ಇರಾಖೆಯೊಂದನ್ನು ರಚಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಚಿಕ್ಕೇಗಾಡ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡರೆ ಇಲಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ವಿರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಬಹುದು.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE.—Knowing that some of the agriculturists have lost their crops, will the Government take up soil conservation work to provide work to the agriculture labourers and agriculturists?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—The entire crop has not been lost. There is little damage caused which ranges from 10 to 15 per cent in certain pockets. By this it does not mean that the Government should take up all the works there. Farmers have better work to do. However, we have taken up incomplete soil conservation works to be completed.

Sri BAPU GOWDA.—I do not wish to part Question 202.

FISHERIES HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE

310. **Sri A. G. KODGI** (Baindur).—

Will the Minister of State for Fisheries and Horticulture be pleased to state:—

(a) the total strength of students in each Government Fisheries High School of the State;

(b) the total staff employed in each Government Fisheries High School of the State;

(c) the names of Fisheries High Schools without any buildings provided by Government?

Sri K. T. RATHOD (Minister of State for Fisheries and Horticulture).—

(a) Government Fisheries

High School	1	Hejmadikodi	...	157
do	2	Kemmannu	...	366
do	3	Hadavinkone	...	144
do	4	Malpe	...	358
do	5	Polppu	...	216
do	6	Padubidri	...	102
do	7	Navunda	...	118
do	8	Udiawar	...	253
do	9	Yermalbada	...	135
do	10	Someswar Uchil	...	260
do	11	Baikampadi	...	165
	12	Haklady	...	40
	13	Moolur	...	138
	14	Thekkatte	...	74
	15	Beejady	...	14
	16	Uppunda	...	73
	17	Karwar	...	21
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